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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINES

REF: ROME 8437

1. MOST OF ARIANA'S TOP AFGHAN MAGAGEMENT HAS BEEN REPLACED.
FORMER PRESIDENT NAJIB WAS REPLACED BY MOHAMMAD NADER KHAN,
A TECHNOCRAT FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF THE KABUL AIRPORT. OPERATIONS
DIRECTOR MALIKYAR, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR LOYNAB, AND MAINTENANCE
SUPERVISOR MANSOURI HAVE ALL BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR POSITIONS.
WALLACE REMAINS IN HIS POST AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT.

2. SEVERAL AFGHAN BOARD MEMBERS OF ARIANA HAVE ALSO EITHER
LOST THEIR GOVERNMENT JOBS OR BEEN TRANSFERRED TO NEW POSITIONS.
THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD IS THUS IN DOUBT. WALLACE TELLS US
THAT ARIANA IS STILL CONTINUING ITS INTERNAL EVALUATION OF A
WIDE-BODIED JET PURCHASE, BUT NO BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN
SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION.

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